rota petrol|diesel retail outlets and >G distributorships for each State plan-ise. These are opened in different Sta-s'UT$_s$ on [he hasis of potential and ability norms being 'ollowed by the il Industry, subject to product availably. Accordingly, 1519 petrol[diesel tail oulets arc included in the R.O. arketing Plan for 1989-93 and 623 °*G* distributorships in the LPG Mar-ting Plan for 1992-94, or the coun-y Futlrc marketing plans are under eparation.

Agreement With Oman for supply "f Natural G:»s

180. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIR-\l: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM ND NAEURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently tered into an agreement with Oman for long term contract for the supply of na-ral gas:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; **id**

(c) when the feasibility study is likely > be completed and the project taken up ►r execution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE UNISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NA-URAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH HARMA): (a) and (b) The Principal 'arms o fthe Long Term Gas Supply :ontract have been agreed with Oman.

(c) Phase II of the feasibility study is cheduled to be completed by July, 1995. 'he project will be taken up for execu-ion by the Oman Oil Company after the .ong Term Gas Supply Contract is signed.

Procurement of 3.D seeismic equip ment by **Oil India** Limited

181. SHRI D1PANKAR MUKHER1EE: SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil India Limited (OIL) has decided to procure a three dimensional seismic equipment SN 368, which was manufactured in 1989, overlooking (he recent technologically improved equipment Eor the same: if so, the reasons therefor;

(bj is this *i-O* seismic data supplied by M/s. C.G.G., France to Oil, being processed in the OIL's Research and Development Centre Duliajan;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for pro cessing of the same data by OIL in CGG Pan India, a joint venture, in the da'a processing centre at Gurgaon:

(d) what is the rate of processing en per shot basis inclusive of test processing and quality control checks charged by Pan India to OIL and what is the inter national rate for the same; and

(e) whether there was any global ten dering for such data processing by OI] ; and if so. the details thereof furnishing the schedule of rates quoted by different parties in rupee or doilor terms per shot point?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISRYMINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Due to reasons enumerated below. Oil India Limited decided to procure the entire 3-D Seismic Data Acquisition Package including the recording instrument, SN-368. after the completion of 3-D contract with CGG, France.

(i) According to OIL, SN-368 is a state-of-the-art technology cable telemet y system.

(ii) OIL Engineers were fully trained on this equipment during the period of contract;

fiii) The performance of the equipment was found to be very satisfactory with no breakdowns;

(iv) CGG, Frarce agreed to supplv spare for maintenance for at least 5 years and a maximum period of 8 years. CGG also agreed to provide 3 free ger. I vicings during the warranty period;

(vj The price paid for this package of equipment was sufficiently lower than new purchases;

(vi) By immediate purchase and possession of equipment the 3-D Acquisition work of OIL for the year 1994-95 can be completed, th) No Sir.

(c) OIL has no in house facilities for 3-D data processing, therefore, the work had to be contracted out.

rd) and (e) The limited international tenders were issued (o s'ix parties. Two parties responded as under:—

Name of Party	Quoted Rate per shot in equivalent Indian Rupees per shot
GECO Schlumberger, USA	759·00
CGG	752·00*

*Price negotiated down to Rs. 728-45 per shot.

Allotment of dealership for Petroleum Products from the discretionary quota

182. SHRIMATI CHANDRA K.ALA PANDEY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether dealerships/distributorships for petrol/diesel retail outlets, LPO and SKO/LDO are allotted under the discretio" nary powers of the Minister;

(b) if so, whether any limit has been fixed upto which such ; lotments can be made as percentage of total allotments in a year:

(c) what was the total number of dealerships allotted for petrol/die'el read outlets, LPG aid SKO/LDO dea'erships ing each of the last three years and number of allotments made under the discretionary powers; and

(d) whether any specific and unambiguous criteria has been laid down for allotment of dealerships under the discretionary quota?

THE MINISTER OE STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND N V TURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): fa) to (d) In addition to the tjority o the dealerships being awarded through the Oil Selection Boards, a few dealerships are also allotted under dis cretionary powers of the Government on compassionate grounds.

The number f discretionary allotments depends upon Ihe circumstances and the necessity to make such allotments. At present there is a ceiling of 155 dealerships in a financial year as fixed in i99l. The number of dealerships a'lotted undei discretionary quota during the last three years is indicated below:—

Year	RO	LPG	SKO/LDO	To l
1991-92	38	36	7	81
1992-93	19	64	30	113
1993-94	55	57	11	123

Difficulties' to private sector in Marketing of LPG

183. SHRI B. K. HAR1PRASAE Will the Minister of PETROLEUM ANJ NATURAL GAS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government are aware i the fact that despite opening up LP[1] distribution to the private sector tw years ago, there has not been mac .ay or relief to consumers[1] on wai ing list:

e the difficulties beii facsd by private LPG distributors ai her con'inuevnee of Government subsidy to LPG consumers ,is > these: and

(c) whether it is also a fact that wh< nmental subsidy is withdrawn t tally, an LPG cylinder (from INDAN or HPCL) will cos(the cons-urn